

## Allied and dental health Summary of MBS item numbers

Service type →	Allied health professional service (provided to an individual)							Dental health professional service (provided to an individual)			Allied health professional services (provided to a group)		
Patient eligibility →	Patient has a chronic medical condition <sup>1</sup> and complex care needs <sup>2</sup> , is being managed by a GP under an EPC plan <sup>3</sup> and is not an admitted patient of a hospital							Patient has a chronic medical condition <sup>1</sup> and complex <sup>2</sup> care needs, and their oral health is impacting on, or is likely to impact on, their general health. The person is also being managed under an EPC plan <sup>3</sup> and is not an admitted patient of a hospital			Patient has been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes mellitus, is being managed in the community by a GP under a GP Management Plan service (#721) or, if a resident of a Commonwealth-funded aged care facility, is being managed under a multidisciplinary care plan to which the GP has contributed (#731), and is not an admitted patient of a hospital		
Relevant MBS item numbers <sup>4</sup> →	Aboriginal Health Worker service #10950	Diabetes education service #10951	Audiology #10952	Exercise physiology #10953	Dietetics services #10954	Mental health service #10956	Occupational therapy #10958	Dental assessment and treatment			Assessment for Group Services		
								Dentist #85011-85986	Dental Specialist #86012-86986	Dental Prosthetist #87011-87777	Diabetes education service – Assessment for group services #81100	Exercise physiology service – Assessment for group services #81110	Dietetics service – Assessment for group services #81120
								Note that the Commonwealth has advised that subject to Parliament's agreement, the Australian Government intends to close this scheme to all patients at the earliest opportunity following resumption of Parliament on 26 August 2008.			Group services		
	Physiotherapy #10960	Podiatry #10962	Chiropractic service #10964	Osteopathy #10966	Psychology #10968	Speech pathology #10970							Diabetes education service – Group service #81105

<sup>1</sup> A chronic medical condition is one that has been or is likely to be present for six months or longer, including but not limited to asthma, cancer, cardiovascular illness, diabetes mellitus, musculoskeletal conditions and stroke. For more information/guidance, see 'Consolidated Questions and Answers' at [www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/pcd-programs-epc-chronicdisease](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/pcd-programs-epc-chronicdisease)

<sup>2</sup> Complex care needs means requiring care from a multidisciplinary team. Team Care Arrangements are likely to be indicated where a patient has complex health care needs and one or more of the following: little or no capacity to access or receive needed services by the usual referral process; an unstable or deteriorating condition and/or co-morbidities; increasing frailty and/or dependence; increasing incidence and/or complexity of health problems; complications, including falls or incontinence; significant change in social circumstances (such as death, illness or 'burnout' of carer); two or more hospital admissions for their chronic condition in the past six months; inability to comply with required treatment without ongoing management and coordination; a need to see other providers on regular, frequent and ongoing basis to manage the chronic condition. For more information/guidance, see 'Consolidated Questions and Answers' at [www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/pcd-programs-epc-chronicdisease](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/pcd-programs-epc-chronicdisease)

<sup>3</sup> The term 'EPC Plan' is a generic one. Patients are being managed under an EPC Plan if their GP has prepared and billed the following MBS Chronic Disease Management Items in the previous two years:

(a) A GP Management Plan – item 721 (or review item 725); AND (b) A Team Care Arrangements – item 723 (or review item 727).

Patients who are permanent residents of an aged care facility are being managed under an EPC plan if their GP has contributed to or reviewed a multidisciplinary care plan prepared for them by the aged care facility (item 731).

<sup>4</sup> The item numbers can only be claimed for services provided by allied health practitioners and dental practitioners registered with Medicare Australia.

All information is current as at 9 September 2008. Health professionals intending to use these items should refer to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) book, or to the MBS Allied Health Services book or the MBS Dental Services book for more comprehensive information, including the MBS requirements for each item. Alternatively, they can search for specific items at [www9.health.gov.au/mbs](http://www9.health.gov.au/mbs) or telephone Medicare Australia on 03 9605 7964 or contact the local Division of General Practice.